CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for receiving a plurality of programs, comprising:

user interface means for selecting a program from said plurality of programs and for selecting a user action;

a controller, which in response to a first user action for selecting a first program for recording, stores said first program in a first list representing a list of programs to be recorded, and in response to a second user action for selecting a second program for both purchasing and recording, stores said second program on a second list representing a list of programs purchased and also stores said second program on said first list.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said first list includes a timer conflict indication for programs having a timer conflict.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said first list includes a purchase indication for said second program.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said controller first determines whether there is a timer conflict between said second program and another program on said first list before storing said second program on said first list.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said controller prompts a user to resolve said timer conflict if said timer conflict exists.

6. An apparatus for processing a program, comprising:

a controller for displaying a first list representing programs selected for recording;

said controller for displaying a second list representing programs selected for purchasing; and

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said controller, which in response to user selection of said program for both purchasing and recording, automatically enters said program into said first list and said second list.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said first list includes a timer conflict indication for programs having a timer conflict.

8. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said first list includes a purchase indication for said program.

9. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said controller first determines whether there is a timer conflict between said program and another program on said first list before entering said program on said first list.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said controller prompts a user to resolve said timer conflict if said timer conflict exists.

11. An apparatus for processing a plurality of programs, comprising:

user interface means for selecting a program from said plurality of programs and for selecting a user action;

a controller, which in response to a first user action for canceling a first program for recording, removes said first program from a first list representing a list of programs to be recorded, and in response to a second user action for canceling a second program for purchasing, removes said second program from a second list representing a list of programs purchased and also removes said second program from said first list, if said second program appears on said first list.

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12. An apparatus for processing a program, comprising:

on screen display means for displaying a first list representing programs selected for recording;

on screen display means for displaying a second list representing programs selected for purchasing;

user control means for removing said program from said first and second lists; and

control means, which in response to said user removal of said program from said second list, automatically removes said program from said first list, if said second program appears on said first list.

13. A method for processing a plurality of programs, comprising:

selecting a first program for recording from said plurality of programs;

storing said first program in a first list;

selecting a second program for both purchasing and recording;

storing said second program in a second list representing programs purchased; and

storing, automatically, said second program in said first list.

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of determining whether there is a timer conflict between said second program and another program on said first list before storing said second program on said first list.

15. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of prompting a user to resolve said timer conflict if said timer conflict exists.

16. A method for processing a plurality of programs, comprising:

selecting a first program for removing from a first list representing a list of programs selected for recording;

selecting a second program for removing from a second list representing a list of programs purchased;

determining whether said second program also appears on said first list; and

removing, automatically, said second program from said first list if said second program appears on said first list.

17. A method of processing a program, comprising:

removing, in response to a user command, said program from a first list of programs representing programs scheduled for recording;

determining whether said program is also a purchased program; and

removing, automatically, said program from a second list of programs representing purchased programs, if said program is also a purchased program.